



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



November 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

WISCONSIN, Southeast

WIZ046>047-051-051-056>060-062>072 **Marquette - Green Lake - Fond Du Lac - Sauk - Columbia - Dodge - Washington - Ozaukee - Iowa - Dane - Jefferson - Waukesha - Milwaukee - Lafayette - Green - Rock - Walworth - Racine - Kenosha**

01	0000CST				0	0			Drought
30	2359CST								

Drought conditions, which started in August, 2003, continued through the month of November, 2003, across south-central and southeast Wisconsin. At the start of the month, the entire area was in a moderate (D1) to severe drought (D2), however, widespread moderate to heavy rains during the period of November 1-4, resulted in an improvement to an abnormally dry (D0) to moderate (D1) drought status. The D0 area at the end of November, 2003, stretched from Lafayette and Green County through Dane to Marquette and Green Lake County. The remainder of south-central and southeast Wisconsin was in moderate (D1) drought status at the end of the month. Monthly rainfall amounts ranged from 3 inches in a small area of northern Milwaukee County to over 8 inches in parts of Lafayette, Iowa, Dane, Columbia, and Green Lake Counties. The bulk of the monthly rains fell during the first four days of November, 2003.

Columbia County

Portage	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Dane County

Madison	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Dodge County

Beaver Dam	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Fond Du Lac County

Fond Du Lac	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Green County

Monroe	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Green Lake County

Green Lake	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Iowa County

Dodgeville	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Jefferson County

Ft Atkinson	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Kenosha County

Kenosha	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Lafayette County

Darlington	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Marquette County

Montello	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Milwaukee County

Milwaukee	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							

Ozaukee County

Port Washington	01	0000CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
	04	2359CST							



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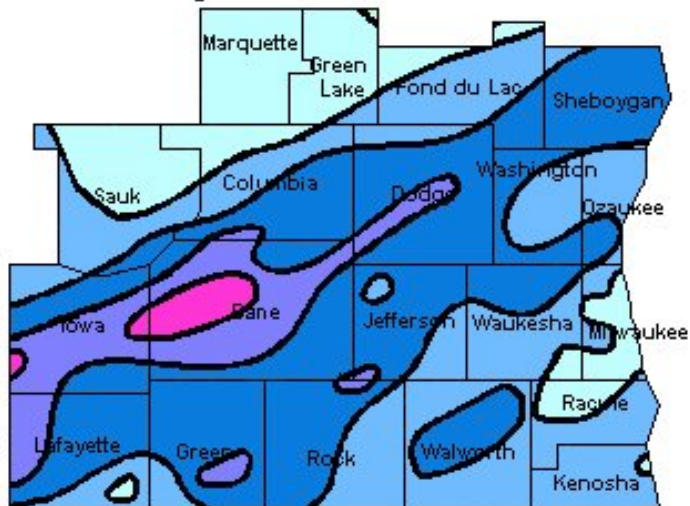
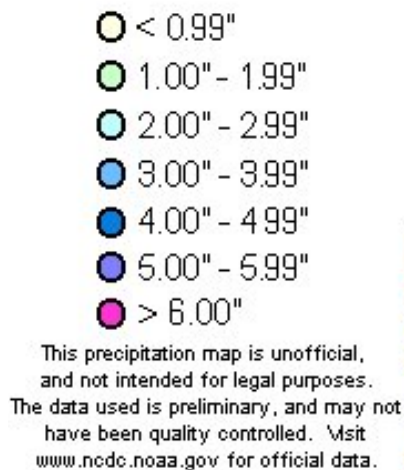


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WISCONSIN, Southeast									
Racine County									
Racine	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Rock County									
Janesville	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Sauk County									
Baraboo	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Sheboygan County									
Sheboygan	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Walworth County									
Elkhorn	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Washington County									
West Bend	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain
Waukesha County									
Waukesha	01 04	0000CST 2359CST			0	0			Heavy Rain

Milwaukee/Sullivan CWA Rainfall Event

6 am Nov, 1 through 6 am Nov. 5



Widespread moderate to heavy rains across south-central and southeast Wisconsin during the period of November 1-4, resulted in an improvement to long-term drought conditions. Thunderstorms with locally heavy rain were noted on November 1st, 2nd, and 4th. Training of convective cells occurred on a line from southwestern Iowa County to the Middleton and Madison area in Dane County to the Juneau area in Dodge County. These corridors had rainfall totals of 5 to over 6 inches for the four-day period. Heavy rains during the pre-dawn hours on November 4th combined with leaf-clogged storm sewers to produce minor urban flooding in the cities of Madison, Sheboygan (Sheboygan Co.), and Milwaukee (Milwaukee Co.). These rains were primarily responsible for an improvement of moderate (D1) to severe (D2) drought conditions to abnormally dry (D0) to moderate (D1) conditions by the end of November, 2003. Three consecutive, daily, rainfall records were set at Madison on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, where the 4-day total was 5.09 inches. An unofficial 6.8 inches was measured for Nov 1-4, at a location a couple miles west of Middleton. The monthly rainfall at Madison's Truax Field was 7.49 inches, or 5.18 inches above normal. This was the 2nd wettest November on the books. The south-central counties experienced another round of decent rains on November 23rd, with Madison registering 1.70 inches. A monthly total of 8.11 inches was measured in the village of Mazomanie in northwest Dane County. Other scattered locations in Lafayette, Iowa, Dane, Columbia, and Green Lake Counties also had over 8 inches of precipitation for the month. At Milwaukee's Mitchell Field, 3.94 inches of rain fell during the month, or 1.24 inches above normal. Of this total, 3.59 inches fell during the first



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WISCONSIN, Southeast

four days of the month. In response to the rains on the first four days of the month, water levels in lakes, rivers, and streams rose from 25% to 50% of capacity to 75% to 90% of their bank-full levels by the end of the month.

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12	1200CST 2300CST	0	0	51.5K	Strong Wind (MG39)
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Strong west to northwest, post-cold-frontal winds occurred over parts of south-central and southeast Wisconsin. Maximum wind gusts were generally in the 39 to 49 kts range (45 to 57 mph). Some large trees or large tree branches toppled onto some power lines, resulting in loss of commercial power for a couple hours. All counties had reports of downed power-lines. The gusts caused a construction crane to be pushed against the wall of a hospital in Milwaukee (Milwaukee Co.), resulting in window and trim damage. In the city of Waukesha (Waukesha Co.), the gusty winds pushed a tree onto a home, resulting in minor roof damage. At least 6200 customers in southeast Wisconsin lost electrical power, but there were no serious fires, injuries, or deaths.

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Jefferson - Rock - Walworth

12	1500CST 1900CST	0	0	10K	High Wind (MG56)
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Powerful west to northwest, post-cold-frontal winds occurred over parts of south-central and southeast Wisconsin. Maximum wind gusts were 56 kts (65 mph) at Lake Beulah (Walworth Co.), which is near East Troy; 56 kts (64 mph) at a school in Milton (Rock Co.), which is part of Madison TV-15's WEATHERNET; and 53 kts (61 mph) on the southwest side of Watertown (Jefferson Co.). Some large trees or large tree branches were toppled onto some power lines, resulting in loss of commercial power for a couple hours. In Janesville (Rock Co.), a wind-toppled large tree scraped a lot of paint off a vehicle. At least 6200 customers in southeast Wisconsin lost electrical power, but there were no serious fires, injuries, or deaths.